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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5:

The present invention claims priority from United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/183,762 for: "System and Method for Decentralized Data Storage" filed February 18, 2000, the disclosure of which is herein specifically incorporated by this reference. The present invention is also related to the subject matter disclosed in United States Patent Applications Serial No. 09/777,149 filed February 5, 2001 for: "System and Method for Unorchestrated Determination of Data Sequences Using Sticky Byte Factoring to Determine Breakpoints in Digital Sequences" and 09/777,150 filed February 5, 2001 for: "Hash File System and Method for Use in a Commonality Factoring System", the disclosures of which are also herein specifically incorporated by this reference. The aforementioned patent applications are all assigned to undoo, inc., Irvine, California, assignee of the present invention.